

Further, the Examiner requires an election of species as the Examiner alleges that the inventions of Groups I-VI lack a special technical feature under PCT Rule 13.2. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that "the claims herein lack a significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art." In order to be fully responsive, and without acquiescing to the Examiner's assertion, the Applicants elect compounds of Example 1.

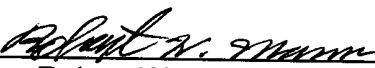
Under MPEP § 803.02, the claims must be examined fully with respect to the elected species to the extent necessary to determine patentability. Should no prior art be found, then the search should be extended to other non-elected species.

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